

CITY OF TORRANCE  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

**2013 “Excellence in the Arts” Awards**

**CRITERIA**

**Arts Disciplines**

***Dance*** – Nominees may be dancers, choreographers, or dance instructors.

***Drama & Theatre Arts*** – Nominees may be actors or other creative professionals such as directors; “behind the scenes” practitioners such as costumers are also eligible.

***Music*** – Nominees may be musicians, composers, vocalists, or music instructors.

***Visual Arts & Design*** – Nominees may be artists utilizing any medium, including but not limited to painting, photography, sculpture, or computer generated.

***Literary Arts*** – Nominees may be poets, writers of fiction, non-fiction, plays, essays or history.

***Arts Education*** – Nominees may be instructors in any arts discipline, at any level.

The nominee should possess:

1. Recognition in the field by their peers
2. Quality of work
3. Service to the Torrance community through the arts

**Katy Geissert Award**

The Katy Geissert Award recognizes outstanding support for all the arts in Torrance. The Geissert Award is open to anyone who contributes to the arts in Torrance regardless of their residence. Eligible awardees might include philanthropic individuals, outstanding organizations, corporations or other institutions – or innovators who have had an impact. They may be selected for their contributions to the arts in programmatic, artistic, organizational, volunteer, advocacy, funding and any other area that provides substantial and recognizable support for the arts in Torrance.

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**“EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARDS”**

**GUIDELINES**

- PURPOSE:** To recognize excellence in the advancement of the arts as demonstrated by Torrance persons, businesses, or organizations.
- AWARDS:** Certificates may be presented in the following categories: music, drama and theatre arts, visual arts and design, dance and literary arts. It is the discretion of the Cultural Arts Commission to determine annually which category(ies) and who is awarded.
- NOMINATION:** Any Torrance resident, business, or organization may nominate an individual, business, or organization for an award in any category. Nominations must be in writing, have the consent of the nominee, and include arrangements for a Commission panel to see the work or performance for which the nomination is made.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Any Torrance resident, or those employed in Torrance, who is past the age of 18 years may be nominated. Businesses and organizations whose main office and operations occur within the City may be nominated. It is suggested that organizations that are nominated be composed of at least 50% Torrance residents. Current Cultural Arts Commissioners and their immediate families are not eligible.
- SELECTION:** A review panel for each category of award will be appointed by the Cultural Arts Commission. The Chair of each panel will be a member of the Commission, and will recommend to the Commission those who are to be members of the panel. Each panel will consist of not less than three nor more than five members. Panel members may not review their own work for award.
- All panel members will observe the work or performance of those nominated for award in that category.
- After review of the nomination, the Chair of the panel will report the deliberations of the panel and, when appropriate, request approval of the nomination by the entire Commission. The Chair of the panel shall include in the report names of the panel members and justification for the nominee’s candidacy for the award. Such reports shall be submitted in a timely fashion after review of the candidate’s work, and distributed to Commission members prior to the meeting at which final approval is to be considered.
- PRESENTATION:** The presentation of the award will be made by the Chair of the panel who considered the nomination. The award will be made in the name of the Cultural Arts Commission by authority of the City Council.

The Cultural Arts Commission Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in the Arts will be presented at the annual reception hosted by the Cultural Arts Commission.